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Arthur D. Eisenberg, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Eisenberg:

I am the Chairperson of the upcoming Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Summer Research Conference on **Lymphocytes and Antibodies**, which will take place at Saxtons River, Vermont, from June 8 to June 13, 1996. Dr. Kenneth Rock of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute is the Vice Chairperson. The FASEB summer research conference is a small meeting (approximately 150 participants) of broad interest to immunologists as well as to cell and molecular biologists. The meeting will focus on important areas of investigation in which significant breakthroughs have been achieved. The small size and residential set up of the meeting allow for extensive discussions among the participants, and for significant interactions between established scientists and the fellows and students attending the meeting. As there are no other meetings similar in scope and format that will take place in the summer of 1996, our meeting will fulfill an important need at this time.

The meeting format is organized into nine sessions that will take place over 5 days. As in the past, the sessions will be held in the mornings and evenings with the afternoons open for informal small group discussions and poster viewing. An extremely high quality program has been assembled for this meeting. All of the 45 invited speakers, including the session chairpersons, have now confirmed their attendance. I have enclosed a copy of the finalized program, including the session topics, for your information. There are speakers represented from all over the U.S.A. as well from Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia. They are leaders in their fields, and represent a diverse range of interests, which should bring broad perspective to the discussions and ensure that the meeting is quite stimulating and interactive. The sessions will stress important novel findings as they relate both to basic mechanisms of immune system function as well as to pathogenesis of disease. These new discoveries could have significant implications for the development of therapies for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, organ transplantation, and cancer.

As I am trying to raise funds to support the expenses of the meeting participants, I am writing to you to inquire about a possible financial contribution. Your contribution will help to defray the speakers' travel and meeting expenses, as well as those of the junior investigators, whose financial resources are often the most limited. In addition to travel expenses, the room, board, and registration expense for each participant is $455. There are no honoraria given. The conference will be advertised by FASEB to its entire membership,

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as well as in scientific journals and society newsletters. Attendance will be limited to approximately 155 individuals.

If you would like any further information about the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-776-1790. The Vice-Chairperson, Dr. Ken Rock, can also be contacted at 617-632-2623. We will greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. Checks should be annotated "Lymphocytes and Antibodies," and made payable to FASEB Summer Research Conferences, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3998, to the attention of Ms. Adele Hewitt.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Matis

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